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ASSEMBLY METHOD FOR A VOICE COIL  
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U.S. Patent 5,313,124 to Macpherson, "Return Plate for a Voice Coil Motor in a Disk Drive," discloses a return plate for the voice coil motor of a disk drive.

U.S. Patent 5,585,981 to Lee, "Method and Device for Fastening a Voice Coil Motor of a Hard Disk Drive," discusses a device and method for fastening a voice coil motor of a hard disk drive.

EP 0484658 A1, to Pace, "Compact Disk Drive," discusses a compact disk drive including a rotary head actuator or voice coil motor for a head arm assembly formed with flexures.

Sincerely,



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